

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 has been cancelled.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claim 19 has been allowed and that claims 17-18 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 17. Allowance of claim 9 and its dependent claims are respectfully requested.

Allowable claim 18 has been amended to include the recitations of base claim 9. New claims 21-27 correspond to claims 10-16 and depend from claim 18.

Allowance of claim 18 and its dependent claims is respectfully requested.

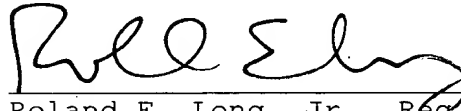
Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any issue that arises that prevents the case from being in condition for allowance, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted by telephone to reach agreement and place the case in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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